

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the United State Congress to remove Section 132 from the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007 before its final passage.

WHEREAS, the Maintenance of Effort provision in Section 132 of the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007 now before the United States House of Representatives would punish states for not maintaining or increasing higher education funding appropriations; and

WHEREAS, this would place the federal government in charge of determining if state legislatures and governors have adequately funded higher education; and

WHEREAS, this mandate in higher education would set a dangerous precedent for federal intrusion into state policy and appropriations authority; and

WHEREAS, state legislators are also concerned with the rising cost of higher education and are committed to making higher education affordable for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, state budgeting decisions should be made by state officials, not the United States Secretary of Education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that Congress be urged to strike Section 132 from the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007 before sending the final bill to the President of the United States to sign into law.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 6, 2008
February 14, 2008

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President of the Senate

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